



Traffic Safety News

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Ever experienced a close call? Perhaps someone ran a red light or made an improper turn in front of your vehicle. Ever had someone ride too close to your bumper? What if you did not have the safety of a seat belt, air bag, and crumple zones when these aggressive driving behaviors happen around you. Now imagine the risks that motorcyclists take, even when wearing their full complement of protective gear.

What you need to know

- To date, there have been 10 motorcycle fatalities (18% of the total fatalities).
- This year, to date, 8 of the 10 motorcyclists killed were wearing helmets.
- The average age of the person killed on in a motorcycle crash is 46.

What you can do

OHS would like to remind you that safe driving behaviors are the same whether you are driving a car, truck, or motorcycle:

- Always look twice before turning into traffic.
- Be vigilant when changing lanes.
- Be aware of blind spots.
- Keep a safe distance from other vehicles.
- Always follow the posted speed limits.
- Use proper lane position.
- Never drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Wear all appropriate safety gear – Seat belts for motorists and proper riding gear for motorcyclists.
- For all who share the road, if you see someone who is driving or riding in an unsafe manner, pull over out of the way if possible, and call 911.

Tell us what you think about traffic safety in Delaware by taking part in our annual survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OHSDriverBehaviorSurvey>

Share the Road. Arrive Alive DE.

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